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Bloody window gets axed

Owners stand by their Halloween display, took it down for 'safety of neighbourhood and employees' Some local residents not satisfied with reason behind move

Mintage's bloody bedroom Halloween display on Commercial Drive has been taken down after being vandalized, but some local residents find the owners' reason behind the move unacceptable.

Co-owner Skylar Stock said they decided to take down the display Friday morning after he discovered their store windows had been completely covered with glue and pictures of women.

"I can deal with somebody being upset with the window," he said. "If somebody wants to talk to me about it, then that's fine. But this kind of pushed it a little too far."

Stock said they still stand by their window display but that they felt the need to take it down for the "safety of (their) neighbourhood and employees."

"When people start vandalizing to some degree, I don't know how far they're going to go and I'm not willing to find out," he added.

Gone are the blood-soaked bed and sheets. A big poster addressed to the community hangs on the vintage clothing store's window explaining the move.

"We recognize that some people have been offended and this was certainly not our intention," the letter says. "Since putting up the display, we have had many people provide positive comments in the spirit of Halloween, but this act of vandalism takes what was intended in the spirit of Halloween to a whole new level."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

▶ Co-owner Skylar Stock stands outside Mintage on Commercial Drive with a letter explaining why the shop took down its controversial Halloween display.

Amalia Nickel, who stopped to read the letter yesterday, described it as an "irresponsible apology."

"They don't actually apologize for anything except for people interpreting what they did in the wrong way," Nickel said.

Kathy Parsons, who stood outside the store Thursday holding a sign against the display, said she's thankful it's been taken down.

"(But) the unfortunate thing is with the letter. The reasoning that they're saying for taking it down is that they were vandalized, which is a little ludicrous in my opinion," she said.

John Seifred, who also read the letter, said he gives the store owners credit for posting it.

"I had mixed feelings (about the display), but I appreciate the sign that the store owners are willing to say that if they offended anybody, we apologize," he said. "That takes great courage and great courage to have a display like that too." PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

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Imam falsely charged in Saudi Arabia: Witnesses

Eyewitnesses and a human rights group are imploring the Canadian government to act fast after they say an imam with Vancouver ties was beaten, arrested and falsely charged while on pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia.

Usama Al-Atar was leading a prayer recitation in the holy city of Medina yesterday morning when members of the country's religious police reportedly asked the small group to move along, said a British member of the group.

Mohamed Hayward said the officials then proceeded to harass the pilgrims and zeroed in on Al-Atar.

"We were set upon by about 10 to 15 of these religious police and at the end of it all he got jumped and arrested," Hayward said.

"They virtually strangled him. We saw him go black and blue."

Al-Atar, who moved to Vancouver with his family in 1991 and received his undergrad chemistry degree at UBC and his PhD in chemistry from SFU, is the founder of the group Active Muslim Youth of British Columbia.

Hayward said the 33-year-old Canadian didn't try to resist the roughing up and remained passive, but authorities still went on to arrest him.

"Now he's languishing in a jail," he said, adding that Al-Atar is expected to appear in court this morning to face unclear charges.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday that diplomats in Saudi Arabia are aware of the arrest and are ready to provide consular assistance if needed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Former Vancouverite Usama Al-Atar

Pilot's family thanks Good Samaritans

Father-in-law grateful to those who tried to save pilot from burning plane
Died in hospital on Thursday

The family of a pilot who was killed in a fiery crash after his small plane slammed into a road near Vancouver's airport is thanking the Good Samaritans who tried to save him

Luc Fortin, 44, was one of nine people who were on the plane that fell from the sky after an oil light triggered a return to the airport.

Fortin's father-in-law John Rayson told a news conference Saturday that the family is also grateful to the first responders who came to the aid of his son-in-law and the other passengers.

Fortin died in hospital Thursday, about five hours after he was pulled from the burning wreckage.

"We certainly send our heartfelt wishes and our prayers to all those survivors, for the best possible recovery," Rayson said.

A trust fund has been set up for Fortin's wife, Dagne, and the couple's 16-month-old daughter Katelyn.

"We'd just thank everybody, and Katelyn's dad will be missed a lot," Dagne said. "He was a good man."

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Crash victims

- Two more people remain in critical condition, including one person who had spinal surgery on Friday, while four people were in stable but serious condition, the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority has said.

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▶ Luc Fortin with his 16-month-old daughter Katelyn. Fortin died in hospital Thursday after the plane he was piloting crashed near Vancouver International Airport.

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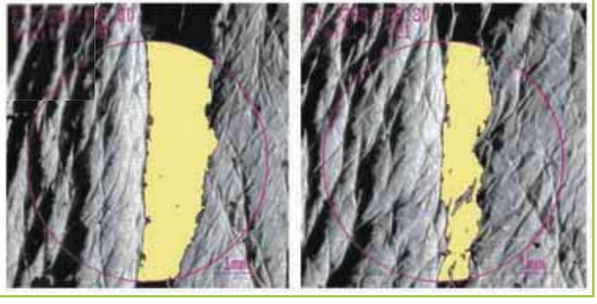

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Mayor pledges renter protection

Online database will allow renters to track landowners' work orders and property violations

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Mayor Gregor Robertson promised more affordable housing and stricter enforcement for negligent landowners in Vision Vancouver's homelessness, affordability and housing platform yesterday.

At the heart of the platform is a 10-year affordable housing and homeless plan, which includes 38,000 new affordable homes in Vancouver, a task force to strength renters' rights and continued support for homeless shelters and seniors' housing.

Robertson also pledged an online apartment registry that will allow renters to publicly track landowners' work orders and property violations. "You'll be able to know which renters are holding up their end and which ones are the bad apples," he said.

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson.

He also hopes the registry will pressure landowners to improve their buildings quickly.

"(We want to) protect renters — take a hard line against landlords who refuse to upgrade their property to the city's standards."

Last week an inquest was held into the deaths of three Vancouver men who were killed in a fire on Pandora Street last December. Police determined the fire was a result of a faulty electrical cord, while an inquest later determined that the residence had no working fire alarms.

The city was criticized for not shutting down the home sooner.

Occupy. Vatican

▶ Occupy the Vatican protesters outside Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver yesterday.

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

Protesting abuse of aboriginal children

Protesters marched from the Art Gallery to Holy Rosary Cathedral on Richards Street to peacefully protest the abuse of aboriginal children in Canadian residential schools between 1931 and 1996. The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic-sponsored group, prevented protesters from entering the cathedral. Occupy the Vatican is independent of Occupy Vancouver.

UBC open about animal use

Newly released data from UBC shows the institution conducted research involving nearly 212,000 animals in 2010 and officials say they've put the data online to be more transparent

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Inquiry gets an extension

Attorney General Shirley Bond approved a one-year extension for the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry Friday, allowing commissioner Wally Oppal to file his report by Dec. 31, 2012.

MATT KIELTYKA

Two men stabbed at house party

Two men were taken to hospital yesterday with non-life-threatening injuries, following stabbings at a house party in Maple Ridge, police said.

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Warming skeptic changes his tune

Study of world's surface temperatures took two years Was bankrolled by global-warming deniers

A prominent physicist and skeptic of global warming spent two years trying to find out if mainstream climate scientists were wrong. In the end, he determined they were right: Temperatures really are rising rapidly.

Richard Muller pursued long-held skeptic theories in analyzing the data. He was spurred to action because of "Climategate," a British scandal involving hacked emails of scientists.

1 C
Degrees that the study says the temperature of the world has risen since the 1950s.

Yet he found that the land is 1 degree Celsius warmer than in the 1950s.

Those numbers from Muller, who works at the University of California, Berkeley, and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, match those by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA.

He said he went even further back, studying readings from Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.

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Occupy. Snow

▶ A snowman stands at the entrance to an Occupy Maine camp in Portland yesterday.

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Storm knocks out power to millions

More than three million customers in the U.S. Northeast were without power as an unseasonably early storm dumped heavy, wet snow over the weekend. More than 60 centimetres fell in some areas, with at least 11 deaths reported.

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Painting over the truth?

- All 10 face-paint products tested contained lead: 2009 report
- Several products on store shelves this Halloween don't list ingredients

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Some parents may think the ghost-white makeup they lather on their kids' faces this Halloween night is safe because of the "non-toxic" label on the package.

Think again, says John Bennett.

The Sierra Club Canada executive director said that many makeup products that claim to be non-toxic actually contain heavy metals such as lead, which can harm children's developing brains. That revelation was highlighted in the 2009 report Pretty Scary: Could Halloween Face Paint Cause Lifelong Health Problems? by the U.S.-based Campaign for Safer Cosmetics.

Six out of 10 face-paint products tested contained allergens such as nickel, cobalt and/or chromium at higher-than-recommended levels.

Bennett suggests parents visit safecosmetics.org to learn about natural, home-made makeup recipes that he said are safer. To get a brown colour of makeup, the website recommends mixing chocolate sauce into a cocoa-butter base.

JOE LOFARO/METRO OTTAWA

▶ Metro's Joe Lofaro wears non-toxic makeup for a Halloween party.

Heavy. Carving

▶ Judd Kennedy of London, Ont. carves an 80-pound pumpkin yesterday afternoon in preparation for his 18th annual carved pumpkin light show in London, Ont.

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As a public service we present the Top 10 Scariest Things in Vancouver on All Hallows Eve. Armed with this list and a wooden stake, no harm will come to you as you venture out on your quest for treats.

"If you love spectacular gory crashes, hang around at the intersection of Pacific and Burrard, where there's an entry into bridge traffic, two pedestrian crosswalks and a bike lane all in the same place. It's called the Mash ... the Monster Mash."

10. The rain. It creeps slowly up your legs as you stand on the sidelines watching the kids play soccer. Sometime around Nov. 14, it reaches your brain. Arrggh.

9. The cost of housing. A 500-square-foot one-bedroom apartment with a "den." The "den" is just big enough to store your homunculus.

8. Bike-lane intersections. If you love spectacular gory crashes, hang around at the intersection of Pacific and Burrard, where there's an entry into bridge traffic, two pedestrian crosswalks and a bike lane all in the same place. It's called the Mash ... the Monster Mash.

7. Vision. Is clouded.

6. COPE. Can't.

5. Non-Partisan Association (NPA). You're kidding, right? Bwah-ha-ha.

4. Jersey Girl a.k.a. Premier Clark. Known to stalk photo opps wearing low-cut sports jerseys, which scares the pants off the NDP's David Schreck, not to be confused with that other green ogre with the same name.

3. The Great Pumpkin a.k.a. Translink. There are never enough of these hearses that transport the Great Undead to the office in the morning and take them back to their crypts at night. At least, they smell like the undead, especially when it rains. See 10.

2. The Vancouver Club. Favoured graveyard of the Secret Order of Unreconstructed Capitalists. Recently haunted by the scariest of them all, Dick Cheney. Aieee!

1. Riot trolls. They may look like A students or athletic heroes, but they run riot and wreak havoc at the slightest annoyance, such as the hockey team losing a game. They strike fear into the hearts of those who spawned them (their parents), who must be wondering if it was such a good idea to bring them into the world. Scariest of all? They are immune to arrest.

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New tattooed Barbie: Bad influence or badass?

Local tweets

- **@Coach_Brillo:** Looking over the game from last night and very pleased how players stepped up in a playoff-like atmosphere. Fans got us over the top. #CFL
- **@BCLionsDen:** Reports of the demise of the #Stamps seem to have been premature. Going to be a wild, wild finish to the #CFL season next week.
- **@cassidypearl:** I'm in Vancouver. It's raining. Shocking.
- **@brittanyyu:** Want to Ban Sharks Fin in Vancouver? Sign this petition! ht.ly/7dtCJ
- **@1HeatherRoy:** I'm at the Vancouver Civic Election Townhall Meeting at S.U.C.C.E.S.S with Gregor Robertson & Suzanne Anton.
- **@RyanMacouver:** Judas Priest concert tonight in Vancouver? #lolwut
- **@finabdullah:** Vancouver, I am not impressed with the weather today. #typicalvancouverweather
- **@PascoPrincess96:** It's dumping in Vancouver. Finished our walk minutes before this started.
- **@CPasschier:** Wayyy too much fun at the #Canucks game last night- so glad its a lazy football day today...

Letters

RE: Confession: I have a thing for the GOP, published Oct. 27.

I am a fourth year Simon Fraser University student taking a course that focuses on Canadian racism, classism, and sexism. Mr. Mazerolle's column was used as an example of racism in the media in our class. In fact, his article was such a strong exemplar that it became the star of our class discussions addressing various aspects of racism, including what is called cultural racism and the homogenization of racism.

Cultural racism, also known as the "new racism" refers to individuals or groups of people making claims that particular ethnic groups are inferior based on their race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, and so on.

The article was culturally racist towards: Americans (it offended the U.S. citizens in our class, irregardless of their race, nationality, religion, gender, class, sexual orientation), Conservatives, and Christians who are part of a group that represents a 33,000+ total number of "Christian" denominations.

MARYANNE, VANCOUVER

photo of the day

▶ This photo titled I Really Don't Like You, was submitted to the Moments of my Life category by vinny from Quebec.

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WEIRD NEWS

Even if you sell it, they will still come

The sprawling eastern Iowa cornfields made famous by the movie Field of Dreams are being sold to a company that will preserve the site's baseball legacy, the owners announced yesterday.

Don and Becky Lansing said they have accepted an offer from Mike and Denise Stillman and their company, Go the Distance Baseball LLC, which will develop the site near Dyersville as a baseball and softball complex.

"We worked hard to maintain its wholesome allure, and our success says a lot about our nation's love affair with its national pastime," Becky Lansing said in a statement. "It truly is a special place."

The land has been in Don Lansing's family since 1906. The couple put the property up for sale at $5.4 million US in May 2010. The parcel includes the two-bedroom house, baseball diamond, six other buildings and 193 acres — mostly cornfields — from the movie.

The Lansings said earlier this year that they had received several inquiries about the site but were committed to finding a buyer that would preserve its legacy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

Panel inquiry may set limits on prized catch

ENDANGERED SPECIES. Huge chinook salmon are the most prized catch on the Pacific coast for fishermen on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border, but they may soon have to share the bounty if a scientific panel links chinook and the survival of endangered southern resident killer whales. Dozens of studies and reports must be analyzed before a decision is made next year. Several indicate there's a link between poor survival of southern residents and low chinook abundance. Final recommendations could have implications on the lucrative fishery.

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Kodak catching up with patents

Company had $957 million in cash in June, down from $1.6 billion in January Nearly $3 billion in patent-licensing fees garnered over 3 years

Picture this: Kodak — the company that invented the first digital camera in 1975, and developed the photo technology inside most cellphones and digital devices — is in the midst of the worst crisis in its 131-year history.

Eastman Kodak Co. is betting that a big cash infusion from the sale of 1,100 digital-imaging inventions will see it through a transition that has raised the spectre of bankruptcy.

Kodak popularized photography over a century ago. It marketed the world's first flexible-roll film in 1888 and transformed picture-taking into a mass activity with the $1 Brownie camera in 1900. But for too long it stayed firmly focused on its 20th-century cash cow, and failed to capitalize quickly on in digital photography.

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▶ Kodak headquarters is shown in Rochester, N.Y., on Oct. 3.

Kodak has been playing catch-up. Pummelled by Wall Street over its dwindling cash reserves — and its attempts to reinvent itself with digital imaging and printing — Kodak has been hawking the digital patents since July. "One thing I would stress is: It is our intention to retain a licence to any of the intellectual property we sell," says Kodak spokesman Gerard Meuchner. "It's like you sell the property but still get to live in the house."

Many analysts foresee Kodak fetching $2 billion to $3 billion. But others think it can haul in more than that because of high patent value. Even a hefty return, skeptics counter, won't solve Kodak's struggle.

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Bikers and the Bard

Kim Coates might look the part of a gritty gang member, but The Sons of Anarchy actor loves Hamlet as much as his Harley Reveals what to expect on the second season of SOA

Kim Coates is so convincing on Sons of Anarchy that real-life bikers like to give him their opinion of the show.

Case in point. Coates was at the gym a few years ago when an ex-biker club member got right in his face.

"Listen man," Coates recalls the guy saying, "I'm not gonna pull any punches." Using colourful language, the biker went on to tell Coates that while he enjoyed his performance, he had problems with the show.

The 52-year-old actor calmly stood his ground. "I said to him, 'It's a TV show. Based on some truths, based on Hamlet metaphorically, but it's a TV show.'"

Maybe it was the Hamlet reference that soothed the dude. Maybe it was Coates' Harley out front. Whatever, Coates was able to make the case that he was "just trying to do a television show within the genre of the biker world."

Canadians who have not yet found the series on the Pay TV service Super Channel can catch up from the beginning when it premieres tomorrow night at 10 p.m. on FX Canada. The new Rogers-owned specialty channel launches tonight.

Coates loves being on Sons of Anarchy and is thrilled the series set an FX premiere ratings record when it returned in the U.S. last month for a fourth season. The Saskatchewan native has never been busier. Besides Sons of Anarchy, he was a familiar face on the just-finished HBO series Entourage.

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▶ Saskatchewan native Kim Coates has been busy lately with roles in Sons of Anarchy, the recently-ended HBO series Entourage and five different films.

Coates has roles in five films set to come out, including Sacrifice with Cuba Gooding, Jr., and A Little Help opposite Jenna Fischer (The Office). He was at the Toronto International Film Festival last month to promote the rowdy hockey movie Goon (co-written by Jay Baruchel). Seann William Scott, Alison Pill and Eugene Levy also have roles in the film, which will be released next year.

When not working, Coates feels at home on his Harley, a custom-built Wide Glide. "Got to kind of design it myself from Eagle Nest Harley in Sacramento," says Coates, one of only two SOA cast members with biker cred heading into the series.

Despite his onscreen image — often as the creep next door — in over 40 films, Coates is a pussycat himself, a dedicated family man married for 26 years with two grown daughters.

As for the Shakespeare metaphor, Coates is equally at home around Hamlet as he is on a Harley. He starred as Macbeth at Stratford when he was just 27 (singling out director Tom Kerr as "my mentor") and enjoyed a run on Broadway as Stanley Kowalski in A Streetcar Named Desire.

His love of theatre began at the University of Saskatchewan where he took a drama class "just for fun."

He wound up doing play after play over four years, "an amazing learning ground for me."

He gets the Hamlet thing on SOA and credits series creator Kurt Sutter with turning this outlaw biker crew into compelling television. "Kurt's an amazing storyteller," says Coates.

"All I know is that things are happening this year. Stuff is going down"
KIM COATES ON THE UPCOMING SEASON OF SONS OF ANARCHY

There was one time when Coates felt Sutter made a wrong turn on the series. Without spoiling what happens in Season Two, there is a moment when Tig (Coates) gets cozy with Gemma (Katey Sagal), the wife of the club president, Clay (Perlman). Coates read the script, could not believe Tig would ever sneak around on Clay and demanded to see Sutter.

"Take a breath," Sutter told Coates, explaining that this is, after all, a tale of biker outlaws, a world of drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll. Gemma is lost and lonely and comes on to Tig. Tig is lost and lonely and responds. "You're not doing it out of anything with Clay," explained Sutter. "It's just a moment of two very wounded people coming together for some love, for something."

"All I know is that things are happening this year," says Coates. "Stuff is going down."

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Box office

The Shrek spinoff Puss in Boots opened with an estimated $34 million to top the box office. The film proved a big draw outside of the Shrek franchise. Paranormal Activity came in the number two spot over the weekend. That film took in $18.5 million in its second week of release. The Rum Diary, starring Johnny Depp, opened weakly, earning just $5 million.

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Time for Avril to Let Go?

Avril Lavigne experiencing dwindling Canadian crowds, sales

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▶ Avril Lavigne arrives on the red carpet during the 2011 MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto in June.

Midway through a sparsely attended arena gig in Toronto last week, Avril Lavigne paused between songs to express her joy at playing "so close to home," in her "beautiful" native country.

She had just finished singing Alice, and it was the first time in the evening she unleashed the full power of her vocal instrument, allowing her voice to billow and soar into every corner of the Air Canada Centre.

And it couldn't have been easy to fill all that empty space.

See, it's not just the Canadian weather that might have felt chilly to Lavigne, who grew up in Napanee, Ont., but moved to Los Angeles years ago. To hear her tell it, this cross-country trek was a triumphant homecoming, the first since her latest album dropped in March, so where were the adoring crowds to cheer her on?

A reported audience of 6,800 fans showed up to her gig at the Air Canada Centre, which can hold 15,800 fans for a concert. Her shows across the country reported similarly anemic turnouts, while the reviews varied from tepid to scathing — a representative notice from one newspaper compared her lifeless performance to that of a zombie.

And considering that Lavigne's latest — Goodbye Lullaby — has failed to generate a fraction of the interest as her previous disc, there's no shortage of speculation that the pop-punk princess's reign could be coming to an end.

"She's having a difficult time making the transition from being a skater girl to being a 27-year-old woman," said Alan Cross, Metro Canada columnist and host of the syndicated radio show The Secret History of Rock. "It's very tough to grow with your audience. ... The next year is going to be very important if she's going to be able to make the transition.

"I mean, she's far from dead. But it may take a little time for the new Avril to take root."

And at this point, it's not exactly clear who the new Avril is.

She burst onto the scene less than a decade ago with 2002's hit-laden Let Go, providing a so-called edgy alternative to the dolled-up pop strumpets who were shifting the bar of good taste ever-lower and climbing ever-higher on the charts in the process (Lavigne's first album arrived in the one-year period between two video hallmarks for lowest-common-denominator pop pandering: Britney Spears' I'm a Slave 4 U and Christina Aguilera's Dirrty.)

A then-17-year-old Lavigne had a stylistic hook (ties and tank-tops), a strong voice and a bundle of super-catchy pop tunes stained by just a speck of punk grime — Ramona imitating the Ramones.

After Let Go, Avril's next two albums — 2004's Under My Skin and 2007's The Best Damn Thing — brought diminishing returns commercially but still went platinum a combined seven times over in Canada.

And that, perhaps, is when Lavigne's career started to slide. There was a lengthy four-year break between albums, during which time Lavigne divorced husband (and Sum 41 frontman) Deryck Whibley and changed her management, switching from Vancouver-based Nettwerk to a representation based closer to home in L.A.

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▶ Metallica members James Hetfield, left, and Lars Ulrich, right, pose with musician Lou Reed.

Lou Reed on an album with Metallica: You better believe it

Metallica and the word "scared" don't usually go together.

But fear was one of the emotions that band members felt when they began work on their latest album, Lulu, a collaboration with Lou Reed that will be released tomorrow.

"That was scary, but it was also so exciting to think, 'Is he going to tell us what to play? Are we going to know what to play? Is he going to start singing randomly? Should we figure out some parts?'" lead singer James Hetfield said in an interview. "We have had many different ways of recording, and this is yet another new way for us."

Reed and Metallica, both members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, first performed together at the hall's 25th-anniversary concerts in 2009. They found that they had amazing chemistry together.

That chemistry prompted them to go into the studio together, but the concept for the album started as a work that was the brainchild of Reed, based on the Lulu plays (Earth Spirit and Pandora's Box) written by Frank Wedekind.

"This was the template from God," Reed explained in an interview last week with Hetfield and Lars Ulrich.

"It was written for a play in Berlin, for the Berlin Ensemble Theatre. It was done there as a soundscape surrounded by various electronics. I lifted the whole thing, since it is mine, and brought it over to them and turned them loose on it so that on top of the electronics, (it) became Metallica."

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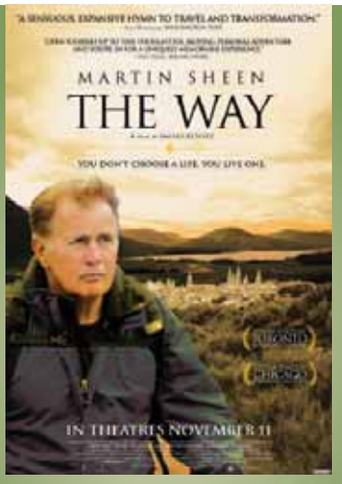

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Protecting Lightfoot's legacy?

Rocker Dave Bidini writes book about Gordon Lightfoot without his involvement

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▶ Dave Bidini is the author of Writing Gordon Lightfoot.

As soon as Dave Bidini put the word out that he was writing a book about Gordon Lightfoot, the stories started to pour in.

Bidini, the former Rheostatics singer, has plenty of friends in rock 'n' roll, and they had plenty of tangled yarns to spin about the 72-year-old Canuck singer for Writing Gordon Lightfoot.

Some were flattering, but most were definitely not.

"People would be like: 'I have a great Lightfoot story,' and it would inevitably turn out to be a horrible Lightfoot story," Bidini said in an interview last week at a Toronto café.

"There's a book that could come out for sure that would just be about that, just be about him being a mean drunk and a bad husband ... But if you put too many episodes in a book like that, that's all people are going to take away from it, and I wanted people to come away with a fuller impression of who the person was, about this life lived in Canadian music.

"I wanted people to come away with a fuller impression of who the person was."
AUTHOR DAVE BIDINI

"And actually one of the things I say in the book is I sort of approach Gord and I say: 'I hope you're grateful that it's me writing the book and not some muckraking journalist.'"

That Bidini wanted to protect Lightfoot's legacy — or at least his dignity — might imply some sort of friendly relationship between the two Canadian rockers.

But in fact, Bidini says that Lightfoot refused to be interviewed for the book despite his persistent requests.

In the text, Bidini offers a couple of theories for Lightfoot's non-participation. Years ago, the Rheostatics covered The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, and Bidini and his bandmates thought the Orillia, Ont., country-folk legend might have liked their version.

So they directed it to Lightfoot's manager at the time, Barry Harvey, who has since died. Bidini remembers Harvey telling him that he wouldn't give the song to Lightfoot because it would just annoy the singer. The group was disappointed, and some time later, Bidini slighted Lightfoot in an interview, suggesting that the Canuck icon had swiped the melody for Fitzgerald from an old Irish folk tune (Bidini himself heard this rumour at a pub in Cork, Ireland). Harvey asked for a retraction and Bidini agreed, but says that once the comments had hit the Internet, it was too late.

So, the two artists weren't exactly friends. Still, Bidini believes the primary reason Lightfoot didn't want to participate in the book is that the songwriting stalwart simply has no interest in revisiting the still-tender wounds of his past.

And Writing Gordon Lightfoot does zero in on a particularly difficult period in his career. The book is structured around the events of one week in July 1972, when some of the biggest names in music — including Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Joni Mitchell and, yes, Lightfoot — descended on tiny Toronto Island to make surprise appearances at the Mariposa Folk Festival.

At the time, the book says, Lightfoot had been forced to curtail his touring schedule due to Bell's palsy, which had temporarily left his face partially paralyzed, his first marriage was crumbling (he would divorce in '73), and he was dating Cathy Smith — the same woman who would later serve time in a California prison for injecting actor John Belushi with a fatal dose of heroin and cocaine in 1982.

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Eugenides tired of the autobiographical questions

Superstar author Jeffrey Eugenides is getting weary of questions about whether his new book, The Marriage Plot, is autobiographical.

"It's incredibly fatiguing. It happens with every novel, no matter what you write about," the 51-year-old said during an interview this week.

Eugenides burst onto the scene in 1993 with his acclaimed debut The Virgin Suicides, which was later made into a much-discussed film by Sofia Coppola. His next novel, 2002's Middlesex, vaulted him into the literary stratosphere. A stunningly imaginative and expansive tale about a male hermaphrodite, the book won the Pulitzer Prize, was chosen as an Oprah selection and had legions of readers clamouring to see what the rock-star writer would do next.

They had to wait nine years to find out, but were rewarded this month with Eugenides' latest novel, The Marriage Plot, which follows a love triangle between English major Madeleine and two fellow male students at Brown University (the author's alma mater) in the early 1980s.

In the beleaguered world of publishing, the book's release was a joyous event. A billboard of Eugenides went up in Times Square. A launch party in New York City attracted literary heavyweights Jonathan Franzen, Martin Amis and Zadie Smith.

The Marriage Plot was soon lauded as another highly erudite, yet eminently readable offering from Eugenides.

Still, much of the media coverage has been pre-occupied with whether it is autobiographical.

Did Eugenides base the character of Mitchell Grammaticus on himself (both are from Detroit and of Greek descent)? Does the Brown setting reflect the author's time at the school? And is the character of manic-depressive biologist Leonard Bankhead based on the late author David Foster Wallace (with whom Eugenides had a passing acquaintance)?

Eugenides, an instructor at Princeton University, can't seem to escape the speculation.

"Last time I wrote about someone who was intersex and I would still get the autobiographical question even though it's obviously about as imaginative a leap as I can make," said the author, who lives in New Jersey with his wife and daughter.

"Now, I'm getting it again. You get it with everything you write. That's how people read. We all do it to a certain extent.

"But people need to understand that you obviously draw from your life in order to write a novel, so there are going to be many things that resemble the writer's experience. But what happens in a novel is very different than what happens in a writer's life."

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▶ Author Jeffrey Eugenides poses at his home in Princeton, N.J., in September.

Hurry up and write

- During his media rounds, Eugenides has also faced repeated questions about the extended period of time it takes him to write each book.
- The author says he can usually tell after about 150 pages whether he wants to move forward with a new project.
- The kernel of The Marriage Plot, he said, came about when he was taking a break from Middlesex in the late 1990s and began writing a story about a débutante party. He abandoned that manuscript, but the character of Madeleine stuck with him, eventually jumping into the pages that would become The Marriage Plot.

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I'm not gay: Kelly

Singer opens up about her sexual orientation on talk show Says she hasn't been able to find Mr. Right

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Kelly Clarkson

Kelly Clarkson is setting the record straight about being straight.

Despite speculation running rampant for years, the singer wants to clarify that she is not a lesbian.

"I'm from a small town, so everyone's married with children or about to have children," she says during a visit to The View.

"That's why people think I'm gay — because they're like, 'why aren't you married?' And I'm like, 'It doesn't happen for everyone right off the bat!'"

"I've dated some cool guys, but I don't know if I've dated someone where I could spend my whole life with them."
KELLY CLARKSON

Plus, she says she hasn't had the easiest time finding the right guy.

"I've dated some cool guys, but I don't know if I've dated someone where I could spend my whole life with them," Clarkson says.

"The last date I went on was horrible, so I'd like to go on a good date."

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PATTINSON A MARRIED MAN?

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

In honour of Halloween, let's check in with vampire-in-chief Robert Pattinson, shall we?

While promoting Breaking Dawn: Part 1 at a press conference over the weekend, Pattinson speculated that he and costar/girlfriend Kristen Stewart may already be married. "The wedding scene's funny because we used a real priest," the actor said, according to UsMagazine.com.

"So technically we are already married because he did all the things you would do in a normal ceremony. So we don't have a civil union in law, but I guess in the church we are actually married."

We suspect the church wouldn't agree, but then again, it's not really our go-to marriage dictionary these days.

If someone united Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt in holy-hell matrimony, no doubt they'd sign off on this one. **TODAY'S THE WORD WAS WRITTEN BY MONICA WEYMOUTH**

JT plans to lay low

Justin Timberlake might be avoiding the spotlight for a little while, he warns.

"I've spent a lot of time feeling like I needed to validate so much of who I was by what I did," he tells Esquire magazine.

"I think you can work and work and work and never really live."

So what is Timberlake planning to do instead?

"The plan is to have no plan," he says.

"I'll probably travel, but I'd rather be spontaneous. I feel like I've earned at least a little bit of time to do that."

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Keep it sweet but healthy

Candy isn't the only thing kids can accumulate during Halloween Cavities and extra pounds from all the candy are also common Try these tricks for preventing health issues

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▶ Dentists and dieticians say you can make Halloween reasonably healthy for kids without resorting to tactics like no candy.

Offer apples to trick-or-treaters and risk having your house get egged — maybe even by your own kids.

But dentists and dietitians say you can still make Halloween reasonably healthy for little devils and witches without resorting to dracul-onian tactics, like no candy.

"This is such a big adventure for them — let them have it, obviously with some caveats," said Dr. Rhea Haugseth, a dentist in Marietta, Ga., who's president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Haugseth also suggests avoiding cavity-promoting treats like caramels that stick to the teeth, or lollipops that bathe teeth in a long sugary bath.

Also, having kids brush their teeth before trick-or-treating to helps reduce plaque and bacteria, which interact with sugar to produce tooth-decaying acid, Haugseth said. Kids should also brush right after eating candy, she said.

Just don't go overboard on restrictions, says Cole Robbins, a Chicago 12-year-old and Halloween veteran. "Halloween is the one day of the year where we kids just kind of break out and overload on candy," he said.

To help prevent that kind of gorging, try to give children a healthy, filling meal before trick-or-treating, says Bethany Thayer, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association who works at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

Ronni Litz Julien, a Miami nutritionist whose patients include overweight and obese kids, says another trick for parents is to help sort through the loot, have kids select their 10 favourite pieces, and give the rest away. Offer the choice of eating all 10 pieces at once, or over 10 days. That gives them a sense of control, without feeling shortchanged, she said.

"You can't deprive them. It's Halloween, for God's sake," she said.

President Barack Obama joked last week on The Tonight Show that he'd warned his health-promoting wife that the White House would get egged if she gave trick-or-treaters fresh fruit and raisins instead of candy.

Dr. Janet Silverstein, a Gainesville, Fla. pediatrician and member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' nutrition committee, says she doesn't give out candy, offering fruit or pencils instead; so far her house is unscathed.

When her own children were young, Silverstein would buy their candy for a nickel a piece. She recommends that to her patients' parents, too. Though she doesn't offer her other solution — she used to eat her kids' candy.

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Parent tricks

Try these tips for keeping Halloween fun without cavities or extra pounds.

- **Dark chocolate**
  Start by handing out dark chocolate instead of chewy candies. The chewy variety is likely to get stuck in teeth and stay there. Some studies have suggested dark chocolate is good for the heart.
- **Toys**
  Try bribing your kids with a new toy in exchange for the Halloween loot — or at least some of it.
- **Wait**
  Ask your kids not to dip into their loot bags until they bring the entire stash home. This trick ensures both safety so you can toss any suspicious-looking candy, but it also prevents an "eating frenzy" — and the stomach aches.

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Sweet choices

A British Columbia-based dietitian has helpful hints about the chocolate choices parents will have to make this Halloween.

Gloria Tsang says all parents need to do is look at the list of ingredients on mass-produced chocolate bars. Tsang says if parents don't know how to pronounce the name of an ingredient, that product might not be the best choice.

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▶ This recipe serves 16.

Bog Bars

Prep:

1 Coat pan with cooking spray; set aside. In a microwave-safe dish, combine cherries and juice. Microwave on high until bubbling, 1 minute. Cool.

2 In bowl of electric mixer, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, scraping bowl between additions. Stir in vanilla. Add flour and salt and mix until combined. Drain reserved cherries; add them and half broken chocolate cookies.

3 Spoon mix into pan and bake in 180 C (350 F) oven 25 minutes or until golden and set.

4 While bars still hot, sprinkle chocolate bits over surface. Spread melted chocolate. Sprinkle crackers, marshmallows, pretzels, gummy worms, remaining chocolate cookies and pieces of fruit roll-ups.

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Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) dried cherries
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) apple or orange juice
- 175 ml (3/4 cup or 1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) packed brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) flour
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) salt
- 16 chocolate sandwich cookies, broken into pieces
- 340 g (12 oz) chocolate
- 2 graham crackers, broken
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mini marshmallows
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) broken pretzel sticks
- Handful gummy worms
- 2 green fruit roll-ups, torn

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EMBRACE GREEN BURIALS CONCEPT

I recently attended a funeral in Cobourg, Ont., where the cemetery conducts natural burials. What exactly makes a burial natural or green? ***Tamara of Toronto, ON***

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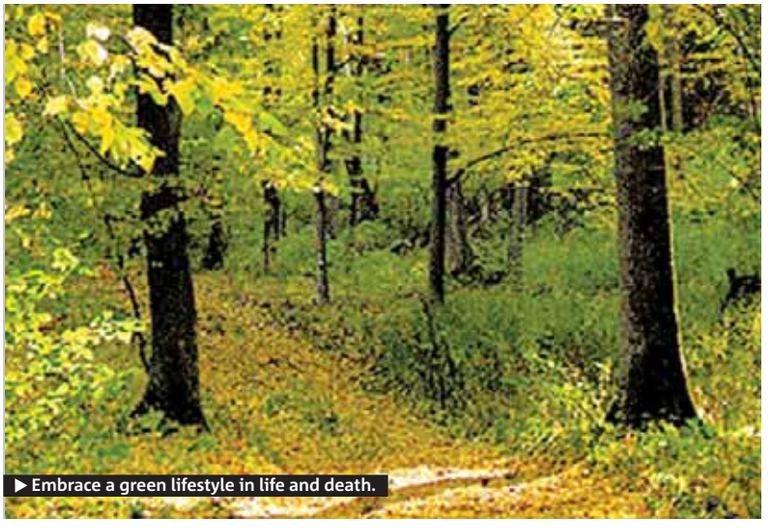

▶ Embrace a green lifestyle in life and death.

When it comes to planning the end, there are greener ways to go.

You visited one of only two cemeteries in Canada with designated green sites; the Union Cemetery in Cobourg, Ont., and Royal Oak Burial Park in Victoria, B.C.

At both, you can return to the Earth naturally with a green burial.

Green burials are low-impact, use less energy, consume fewer resources (like water), are less toxic, and may include local, sustainable materials.

Bodies are not embalmed because that delays decomposition.

Without formaldehyde to preserve the body, toxic chemicals are avoided, reducing harmful exposure both to nature and the embalmer. Instead, bodies are wrapped in a biodegradable shroud or placed in a biodegradable casket. And protected green space becomes the final resting place. To learn more, check out the Natural Burial Association's website. (naturalburialassoc.ca)

Although only two cemeteries can perform green burials in Canada, green funerals are increasing in popularity. A green funeral means funeral homes aim to maximize environmentally friendly funeral practices while minimizing environmental impact.

For example, they may distribute brochures on 100 per cent recycled content paper or maintain their grounds without toxic pesticides.

They might also offer sustainable and biodegradable shrouds, caskets or urns.

And forget the silk flowers — use only native plants on these gravesites.

David Suzuki Foundation

Canada's students have voted

Western tops key categories in university poll

More than 33,000 university students across Canada have voted on their institutions of higher learning, and the rankings are in.

Among the large universities, the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont., has come out on top in a couple of key categories - quality of teaching and learning, and the most satisfied students, according to the Globe and Mail's Canadian University Report 2012.

The University of Waterloo scored highest for career preparation among the large schools, while tying for first place with Montreal's McGill University in its reputation with employers.

And if smaller is better when it comes to class size, the large universities with the top marks are Carleton University in Ottawa and Concordia University in Montreal.

Medium universities are those with enrolments of 10,000 to 22,000 students.

In that category, Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., was the top school for most satisfied students and reputation with employers, and it tied with Universite de Sherbrooke in career preparation.

Mount Royal University in Calgary scored highest among medium schools for quality of teaching and learning, as well as class size.

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Deck the halls with dropouts?

Universities are stepping in to keep 'Christmas graduates' from bailing on the books

As tens of thousands of Canadian university students hit the books for midterm exams, schools are looking ahead to keep those who tank from dropping out.

All it takes is a few bad grades to crush some students — particularly freshmen — and derail their university education, some experts say.

"Once people do badly, they don't want to be in school anymore," said Todd Stinebrickner, a professor at the University of Western Ontario who has studied the reasons university students choose to pack it all in.

"When people do badly ... school is not very enjoyable, maybe it's more stressful."

His research suggests about 40 per cent of students who drop out of university do so because they're not performing as well as they expected.

That's largely because they're not prepared for the heavier workload and independent study time, he said.

"That sort of says, well, things have to be a little bit different at earlier stages (of education)," he says. "Whether it's more effort in high school or whether it's changes in the quality of schools at earlier ages, that's sort of an open question."

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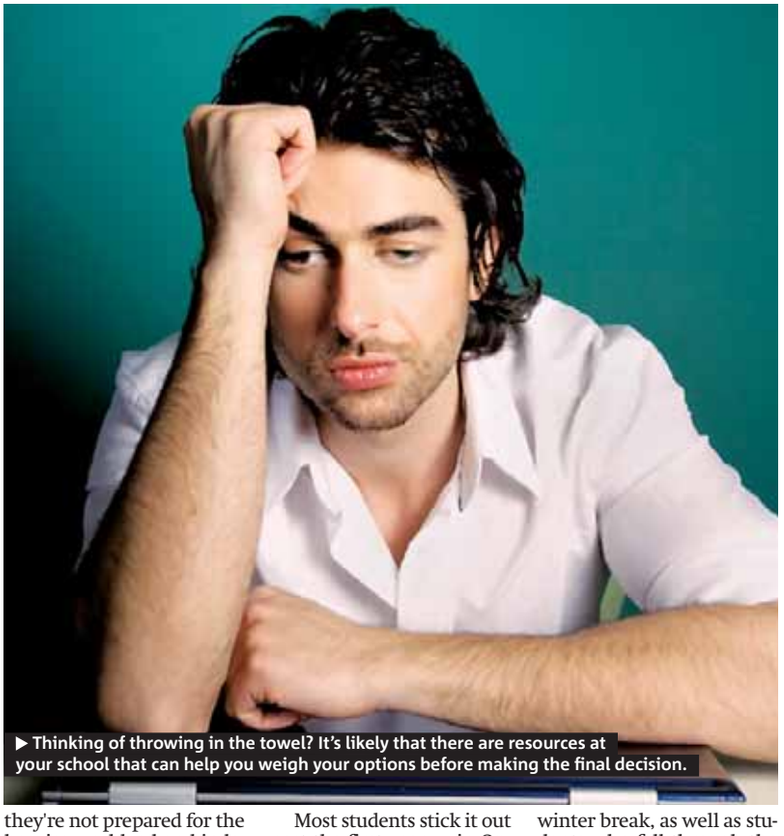

▶ Thinking of throwing in the towel? It's likely that there are resources at your school that can help you weigh your options before making the final decision.

Don't fret

Dropping out doesn't always stain school transcripts.

- Each university sets a deadline for students looking to abandon classes without penalty, Sang said. Those who bail early enough may even get their tuition refunded.
- But wait too late and it's the same as failing, he said.

Most students stick it out past the first year — in Ontario, the province with the most universities, retention rates remain between 80 and 90 per cent for the majority of schools.

But educators aren't taking any chances.

Many have an arsenal of programs aimed at so-called "Christmas graduates," those who simply drop off the roster after winter break, as well as students who fall through the cracks in later years, said Richard Wiggers, director of research on student services for the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario.

Some reach out to students and their families before the fall semester starts in an effort to ease the transition from high school.

Others hold University 101 courses that show freshmen how to handle stress and manage their time.

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TODD STINEBRICKNER
PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

At the University of Ottawa, administrators stage interventions for first-year students whose mid-term marks fall below par in key courses, said Murray Sang, who heads the Student Academic Success Service.

"They do a triage to find out what's going on, why is this student at risk," Sang said. Faculty advisors then steer students towards support programs, be it peer tutoring, counselling or financial aid, he said.

It's crucial to step in before students flunk any classes, Sang said.

After that, "it's a bigger hole to dig out of," he said. "It's difficult to keep a student motivated, it's difficult to climb back up."

The reasons for calling it quits can range from homesickness to depression and learning disabilities to money troubles.

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Crying Over roadblocks is not his way

Former Platinum Blonde rocker Sergio Galli has overcome life's hurdles with a Doesn't Really Matter attitude

Sergio's secrets

Sergio Galli's keys to life and business

- **Success** Enjoy the journey and don't think about the money or the outcome.
- **Idea** Come up with a plan and follow through with it.
- **Attitude** Be positive and move on from disappointments.
- **Execution** Just get out and do it. Be positive.
- **Fun** Enjoy yourself. If you do, success and money will come.

TURNING POINT

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He's an international rock star, designer, architect and builder. With so much success, you would expect Sergio Galli would wear his accomplishments like a badge of honour. But he doesn't. Sergio is a down to earth, humble man with a simple message for us all: accept life's turning points and when things get tough, move on.

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▶ Sergio Galli circa 1984 performing with Platinum Blonde.

"I get over discouragement in life because I know it's temporary. Some people think it's forever. I say, 'Why waste your time? Get over it'."

Sergio was 18 when he started his own business building and renting P.A. systems for bands.

He ran into Mark Holmes who was looking to put together a new band. Sergio played guitar, Mark found a drummer and within six months Galli and the band hit it big. Platinum Blonde went on to become one of the top glam-bands of the '80s.

Hits like Crying Over You and Situation Critical rocketed to the top of the charts.

As Galli and the boys would roll through the great cities of Europe, he would make the limo drivers stop in front of unique buildings that caught his attention.

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▶ These days Sergio is a successful home builder who has recently reunited with his bandmates in hopes of touring next summer.

"I was so into architecture. They used to rib me but they thought it was neat someone could be into something other than music."

Seven years passed and the band realized they were burnt out and needed a break. Galli wanted to go back to school but was turned down at every University he applied to. Sergio "got over it", bought a couple of properties and began building. His work became noticed in the industry and soon he was building multi-million dollar homes. Now he has teamed with The Serena Group to build affordable, luxurious villas. Galli is living life on his terms.

Platinum Blonde recently got back together and decided 20 years was enough of a break. Sergio and Platinum Blonde are currently in the recording studio and are hoping to start touring again next summer.

"You have to enjoy the journey along the way. Nothing happens overnight. Remember to have fun and if you do then success will come."

Rock royalty

History of Platinum Blonde

- **Formed in 1983** Mark Holmes (vocals), Sergio Galli (guitar), Chris Steffler (drums), Kenny MacLean (bass) (1956-2008)
- **Standing in the Dark** (1984) Triple Platinum Singles: Doesn't Really Matter
- **Alien Shores** (1985) Quintuple Platinum Singles: Situation Critical, Crying Over You, Somebody Somewhere
- **Contact** (1987) Double Platinum
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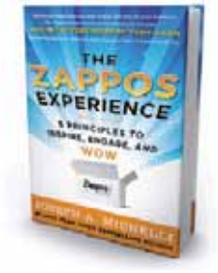
There are very few companies out there that can boast billion dollar sales figures. Now review that list against companies that have hit that revenue milestone in less than 10 years and you come up with a far shorter list which includes a company called Zappos, the world's friendliest (and biggest) online shoe retailer.

According to Joseph A. Michelli, author of The Zappos Experience, Zappos became a billion dollar company by creating a killer customer service approach and at the same



time developed a work culture where "being a little weird is part of the core values" of the company. Former COO and CFO Alfred Lin comments that the Zappos Experience is "about getting the culture right so we can treat the customer right." This approach has clearly paid off with the company named by J.D. Powers and Associates as a 2011 Customer Service Champion.

The concept of Zappos was born due to a frustrated consumer. Nick Swinmurn couldn't find a certain size shoe which prompted him to consider if an online strategy could be used to solve this dilemma. From that he created ShoeSite.com. Recognizing the need for capital, Swinmurn approached Tony Hsieh & Alfred Lin of Investment firm Venture Frogs with his idea. Even in the 1999 boom of the Dot Com era one would have questioned the concept. After all, "Who would buy shoes at an Internet Store without trying them on?" alludes Michelli.

Michelli's book looks at the five principles that he found to be the foundation of Zappos' success. If you're looking at how to asses and improve your customer service approach, The Zappos Experience serves the perfect fit.

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By keeping ball out of his hands, Steelers beat Patriots' Brady for only the second time in his career ◐ Roethlisberger has a big day

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▶ Antonio Brown of the Pittsburgh Steelers dives into the end zone to score a touchdown against the New England Patriots.

STEELERS	PATRIOTS
25	17

The Pittsburgh Steelers found a way to beat Tom Brady: Don't let him get the ball.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 365 yards and two touchdowns and the Steelers finally solved their Brady problem with an emphatic 25-17 victory over New England yesterday.

Roethlisberger completed 36 of 50 passes and led the Steelers (6-2) on a series of clock-chewing drives, effectively keeping Brady and the NFL's top-ranked offence off the field. Pittsburgh held the ball for more than 39 minutes and survived a late rally to win its fourth straight following a 2-2 start.

Brady passed for two touchdowns but threw for a season-low 198 yards and couldn't get into any sort of rhythm while losing to the Steelers for just the second time in his career.

The Patriots (5-2) drew within six when Brady hit Aaron Hernandez for a one-yard touchdown pass with 2:35 remaining, but a last-gasp drive ended when Brady was sacked and the ball rolled out of the end zone for a safety with eight seconds to play.

It may be October, but the game had a January feel, and it wasn't just the chilly conditions.

The defending AFC champions pointed to the matchup as a litmus test after a sluggish — by the franchise's lofty standards — start. Were they the "old, slow" bunch that looked overmatched in losses to Baltimore and Houston or were they simply taking their time getting started?

The answer, it appears, is the latter, even if the Steelers solved Brady using un-Steelerlike methods.

Rather than pound away with running back Rashard Mendenhall, Roethlisberger — who never met a deep ball he didn't like to throw — did his best Brady imitation, moving the chains with a controlled passing attack that took yardage in small bits.

The Steelers didn't complete a pass over 26 yards. They didn't have to. Roethlisberger consistently found Antonio Brown (a career-high nine receptions), Heath Miller (a season-high seven grabs) and speedster Mike Wallace (seven catches) on short and intermediate routes.

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Fitzpatrick leads Bills to victory in Toronto

BILLS	REDSKINS
23	0

Ryan Fitzpatrick showed yesterday why the Buffalo Bills felt he was worth $59 million US.

Fitzpatrick threw two TD strikes to Scott Chandler as Buffalo beat the Washington Redskins 23-0 for its first regular-season win of the Bills Toronto Series.

The resurgent Bills (5-2) improved to 3-3 in Toronto but are just 1-3 in regular-season contests.

Buffalo hasn't made the NFL playoffs since 1999 but last week signed Fitzpatrick to a $59-million, six-year contract extension. The deal includes $24 million guaranteed and makes Fitzpatrick the highest-paid player in club history.

Not bad for a Harvard grad who spent his first four NFL seasons with St. Louis and Cincinnati before landing in Buffalo in 2009. Fitzpatrick, 28, has flourished with the Bills, going 9-5 in his last 14 games.

Yesterday's contest was the sixth of eight Buffalo will play in Toronto through next season as part of the series. The attendance was 51,579, meaning none of the games have been a sellout at Rogers Centre, which seats 54,000 for football.

For the first time in the series fans were vocally pro Bills, actually giving Buffalo the feel of home-field advantage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Playoff race red hot as CFL enters its final week

A Calgary Stampeders win that came down to the final seconds over the defending Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes has set up a wild final week of CFL play in both the East and West divisions.

Drew Tate passed for 330 yards and a pair of touchdowns to Johnny Forzani in a 32-27 victory over the Alouettes yesterday afternoon. The win made Tate 2-0 since he replaced 2010 CFL Outstanding Player Henry Burris as the starting quarterback.

The result left five of the eight teams with identical 10-7 records going into the last weekend of regular-season play, with Calgary in a tie with B.C. and Edmonton in the West and Montreal deadlocked with Winnipeg in the East.

"It was a huge win because we're still in the chase," said Tate. "You play five months and it all comes down to this one last game, but this is the position we want to be in.

"We're in a one-week season now. We're focused on who we have to play now."

The Stampeders, who close the season Saturday at home against Winnipeg, must win and have both the Lions and Eskimos lose their games to claim first place and the bye into the West final because they have lost the season series to both rivals.

Montreal needs to win in B.C. on Saturday night and have the Blue Bombers lose to get top spot in the East for a fourth straight year.

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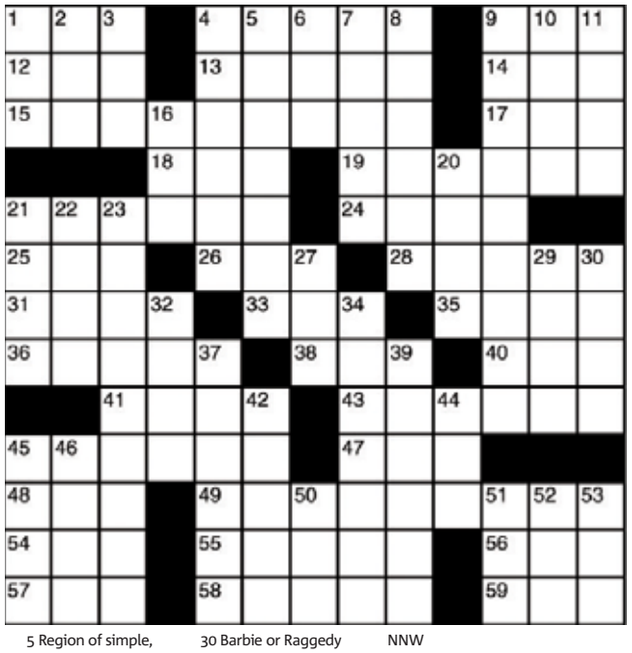

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21 Insist on
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28 Water nymph
31 The Red Planet
33 Curved line
35 Knob on a shield
36 Of a pelvic bone
38 Weep loudly
40 Right angle
41 Guitarist Lofgren
43 Tidbit
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48 Wicked
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55 Buckwheat pancakes
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5 Region of simple, quiet pleasure
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10 Reed instrument
11 Dugout supply
16 Greek mountain
20 Waikiki wingding
21 Actress Moore
22 And others (Lat.)
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29 Competent
30 Barbie or Raggedy Ann
32 Take to the seas
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may not want to go above a colleague's head and appeal to a higher authority today but you have no choice in the matter.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you need a helping hand as the new week begins don't be embarrassed to ask.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No one expects you to do it all, so don't expect it of yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Cancer is a cardinal sign and that means you were born to achieve.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 People will respond to you better this week of you can make them believe that by helping you they will also in some way be helping themselves.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Never give up hope. Never believe that you are destined to fail.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There may be a small but important detail that you have overlooked and only a fresh pair of eyes can see it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Not even a Scorpio can win every time.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Resist the temptation to jump to conclusions and make accusations that you may not be able to back up with facts.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will be thrust into the spotlight at some point today and it may not be an entirely enjoyable experience.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 It may be the case that someone you thought was a friend has been using you to get ahead in their career, but don't make an issue of it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You may have to bend the truth a little today, especially if there is money at stake. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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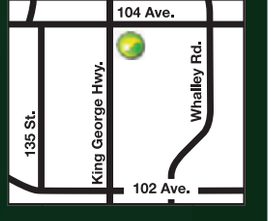

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